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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....$ 7,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS...$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
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For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 8th November, 1897. [3

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Paid up Capital.....£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq.
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G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per Cent. per Annum.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [7

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£375,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " ... 3½ "
" " " 3 " ... 2½ "
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 2nd June, 1897. [31

Insurances.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED 1797.

AMOUNT INSURED.....£330,000,000
LOSSES PAID.....£12,350,000
PREMIUM INCOME.....£872,000

The Agency of the above Society at Hongkong having this day been transferred to us we are prepared to issue Fire policies at the lowest Current Rates of premium.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co
Hongkong, 10th December, 1897. [1-m 1829

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THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [28

GENERAL NOTICE.

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CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO.....$833,333.33
RESERVE FUND.....$318,000.00

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [16

NOTICE.

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The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 8 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1894. [30

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON	*Canton*	D. C. Gregor, R.N.R.	Noon, 22nd Dec.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	*Ceylon*	R. R. Pearce	About 24th Dec.	Freight or Passage, *vid* SHANGHAI.
SHANGHAI	*Thames*	E. R. Dowell, R.N.R.	About 26th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON &c.	*Canton*	E. Street	Noon, 30th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	*Rosetta*	F. N. Tillard	Noon, 31st Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	*Malacca*	N. P. Pollock, R.N.R.	About 7th Jan.	Freight or Passage.

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H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [5

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AMERICAN BUTTER

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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1897. [116

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A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.
The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.
Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.
E. V. SIOEN, Manager.
Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [48

W. POWELL & CO.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
AND
TOYS! TOYS!! TOYS!!!
ALL NEW GOODS.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1897. [19

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Hong Names—
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TELEPHONE, No. 155.

MADEIRA.....Red Seal ... $18
do. Very Choice.....Blue „ ... 24
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do. Choice Old.....Yellow „ ... 12
MALAGA.....Blue „ ... 10
MUSCATEL.....Yellow „ ... 12

H. PRICE & CO.,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [16

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY. LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
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Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS,
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15, *Queen's Road*, Agents.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1897. [14

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A SPLENDID SELECTION OF *JUVENILE* AND OTHER BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—BOUND EDITIONS OF THE POETS—OIL COLOUR BOXES—WATER COLOR BOXES—ALBUMS AND LEATHER GOODS IN GREAT VARIETY—PRICES TO SUIT ALL BUYERS.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [18

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PORTO DUQUE *Extra*; PORTO VELHO SUPERIOR (Old Superior) and PORTO * *
BURGUNDIES and CHAMPAGNE in Cases of 1 dozen quarts or 2 dozen pints.
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THE CELEBRATED GUEDES "3 GRAPES" BRAND.
In cases of 1 doz. bot.$24 per case.
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Hongkong, 7th August, 1897. Agents. [38

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THE only liqueur ever made from the essence of Champagne.
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It has met with an enormous success in the Clubs of Paris and London.
Sample bottles will be given free of cost to intending buyers.
A TRIAL IS SOLICITED.
Apply to
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No. 6, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [1-m 1753

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 25th and 27th instant respectively.
For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,
L. BERINDOAGUE,
p. Manager.
For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
S. CHOH,
Agent.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1883

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of December, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1897.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1881

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 3rd January, 1898, issue INTEREST WARRANTS of $5 per Share, PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the same being at the Rate of 10 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1897.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1897. [1855

ADMIRALTY WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE Commodore in charge of Admiralty Establishments is prepared to receive tenders for the erection of an Officers' Sanatorium on foundations previously laid on the Admiralty lands at the Peak.
The Commodore will not necessarily accept the lowest or any tender.
The drawings, specification, and Conditions of contract may be seen and forms of Tender obtained at the office of the Assistant Civil Engineer at Hongkong Naval Yard.
Sealed tenders addressed to the Commodore and marked "TENDER FOR SANATORIUM" must be delivered at the Naval Yard, Hongkong, at or before Noon on FRIDAY, the 31st inst.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1877

POSTAGE STAMP EXHIBITION

during the Christmas Season
Commencing on
MONDAY, the 20th December, 1897.

THE attention of Collectors and others is specially directed to the
EXHIBITION OF POSTAGE STAMPS
of all kinds at the stall of
MESSRS. GRAÇA & CO.
IN
HONGKONG HOTEL CORRIDOR
Rare Colonial, Foreign and China Provincial Postage Stamps in used and unused condition.
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Cheap Philatelic Packets containing a varied assortment of Postage Stamps for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1879

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With the Utmost Success.
Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot and Dampness.
Sole Agents for China,
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Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [33

To-day's Advertisements.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 25th and 27th instant respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents,
YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.
J. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
W. H. T. DAVIS,
Acting Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [1890

WANTED.

AN ENGLISH ASSISTANT MASTER in a Boarding and Day School for Boys by 31st January, 1898.
Apply to
REV. R. F. COBBOLD, M.A.
S. John's Cathedral.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [1887

THE DAIRY FARM AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the COMPANY has now resumed business. All ORDERS should be sent in at once.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [1889

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.
No. 80.

NOTICE is hereby given that SATURDAY, the 25th instant, and SATURDAY, the 1st January, 1898, will be observed as HOLIDAYS at the Kowloon Customs Office.
Work at the OPIUM EXAMINATION OFFICE and CUSTOMS STATIONS will proceed as usual.
H. M. HILLIER,
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.
Custom House,
Kowloon, 21st December, 1897. [1886

TO LET.

ROOMS on GROUND FLOOR of College Chambers, suitable for Offices.
No. 8, BONHAM ROAD, NULLAH SIDE—Comprising EIGHT ROOMS, outhouses, STABLES and GARDEN.
RENT MODERATE.
Messrs. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [1891

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No. 6 Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [1893

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FOR MANILA (DIRECT)

THE Company's Steamship
"ESMERALDA,"
Captain Tayler, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 5 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [1885

"OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

THE Company's Steamship
"JASON,"
Captain Owen, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [1892

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEDDA, ADEN, KURRACHEE, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"POSEIDON,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
This vessel brings Cargo :—
From Calcutta, *ex* S.S. *Pollux*, transhipped at Colombo.
From Trieste, *ex* S.S. *Imperatrix* transhipped at Bombay.
From Venice, *ex* S.S. *Maximilliano*, and *Carlotta* transhipped at Trieste.
Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-MORROW.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 27th instant; *or they will not be recognised.*
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 27th instant will be subject to fire.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [2-w 1854

To-day's Advertisement.

PONIES! PONIES!! PONIES!!!

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
TO-MORROW,
(WEDNESDAY), the 22nd December, 1897, at 7.45 A.M., at
THE GRAND STAND,
EIGHT TRIED GRIFFINS, recently arrived from Shanghai, all eligible to run for the HONGKONG DERBY, 1898, and which will be shewn on the Race Course during the Morning.
Also
The well known Race Pony "GLENDUBH," two Hacks recently arrived from a Coast Port, and other Ponies,
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [1888

Intimations.

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VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
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SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
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Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1506

NOTICE!

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who call at Kowloon Wharf, Pedder's Wharf, Murray Wharf and all the hotels in Wanchai and the City of Victoria every evening. It is also procurable, at 10 cents per copy, from the
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The Manager
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
OFFICE,
No. 6, Pedder's Hill,
Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1515

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ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

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PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.
SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.
CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.
BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.
WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brand in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [6

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If the sensational rumours which fill the air in the last few days are mere "Shanghai Bunders" or "Tientsinners," there is a remarkable circumstantiality and verisimilitude about them. There is no doubt about the bulk of the British Fleet being somewhere in the cold northern waters, instead of wintering in Hongkong as it would in ordinary circumstances; and it is probably making itself as snug as the conditions will allow, in Port Hamilton, or Talien, or both, or some other place which does not belong to us—yet. On the other hand, Rumour persistently asseverates that the Russians have made themselves at home in Port Arthur. We dare not disbelieve too much.

* * *

It is in fact very likely that the Russians have done all that is credited to them; there is nothing unnatural or unexpected about it. Ever since May, 1895, it has been taken for granted that Russia's only object in turning the Japanese out of Port Arthur was to instal herself there; and though it was then only a guess, or prediction, or whatever name might be given to the idea, it has gradually assumed more tangible form little by little. It is not any other Power's business to stop Russia from maturing her long-cherished plan; but it is refreshing and encouraging to see that Great Britain, is keeping pace and even getting a trifle ahead. Talien is infinitely superior to Port Arthur as a commodious harbour and as a strategical point of vantage, though it has no dock. Port Arthur, on the other hand, has a fine dock and excellent repairing shops. By land, Talien commands the only road to Port Arthur, as effectively as any road ever could be commanded. Both harbours are liable to be frozen to a thickness of a few inches—enough to impede small boats only. Both are heavily fortified. Port Hamilton is a splendid harbour nestling between two precipitous islets, midway between Korea and Japan. If the rumours are true, Britain has most effectively replied to Russia, and there is every reason to hope that there the matter will rest for the present. There is nothing to quarrel about; each Power gets a nice little Christmas-box from China, for it is to be presumed that France will not be left out while Germany, Russia, and England are all helping themselves. Occupying a port does not necessarily mean taking permanent possession of it, but in this case it probably does. It should. Then there need be nothing but mutual congratulations, and "peace on earth, goodwill among men," more firmly established now than at any time since China and Japan first threw the East into turmoil and with it the West.

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We have received a letter from a correspondent on the subject of Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP'S remarkable utterance at the recent meeting of the Benevolent Society, on the subject of his qualms of conscience for past misdeeds and his uneasy anticipations of the hereafter. It is an extremely delicate subject for any body to discuss in a public speech, and Hongkong residents in general will, we feel sure, readily remember a large number of reasons why a man with Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP'S record ought to be among the last to say such things. We prefer not to rake up the past, for it is not well to throw stones at an old man, and we will not print our correspondent's letter for it might open the door at once to a large amount of angry controversy. It would not be difficult to draw a lurid picture of the Nether World, with an old man as the central figure, surrounded by ghosts of the poor whom he had oppressed to make himself rich; but there is no specific public purpose to serve, and so for once we will forego the temptation to make people admire our outspokenness.

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Another correspondent asks "What is the meaning of the revival of the cracker-firing nuisance to-day? From the small hours of the morning, the Chinese have been making themselves detested by creating an objectionable smell of fireworks and bombarding the ears of the Colony with their stupid cannonades. Is this the Chinese New year? I thought that would be a month hence. What year is this, anyhow, and where are we at?" It is the Chinese Winter Solstice, a festival about equivalent to our Christmas. The crackers will presumably rage furiously for two or three days, and then be quiet (comparatively) for a month. We hate any appearance of malice or vindictiveness, but we would like to see the cracker-firers blown to bits with their own infernal machines; and some Government officials, who might stop the nuisance and won't, would greatly please us by getting a bomb or two in the neck.

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Captain Rumsey's speech on the reduction of Light Dues is humorous, though he probably does not see his own jokes. It is Joke No. 1 for the Government to introduce a Bill and ask the Council to permit the reduction, in face of the fact that it is non-Government members who have been hammering at the question for years and the Government has steadfastly continued to break its pledge until now. Captain Rumsey also adduces the United States as a country to be copied in maritime legislation, when as a matter of fact its mercantile marine history is the most awful warning of its kind in the world. He knows it, but you wouldn't think he did from his speech!

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND BRITAIN.

THE CHALLENGE GIVEN AND TAKEN.

MOMENTOUS ACTION.

(*From our own Correspondent.*)

TIENTSIN, December 20th.

It is reported on reliable authority that the Russians have seized Port Arthur, and the British promptly replied by seizing Tallenwan. Li Hung-chang has been degraded. The situation is undoubtedly very grave. No news of Port Hamilton.

THE REPORT CONFIRMED FROM SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, December 21st.

The British cruiser *Pique* has just left this port for Port Hamilton. It is reported that she will there join the rest of the British Fleet. A circumstantial report is again current that the Russian Fleet has occupied Port Arthur.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE PRESS ON THE KIEL SPEECHES.

LONDON, December 19th.

The English Press generally ridicules the extravagance of the Kiel speeches, as suitable to heroes of the melo-drama.

The German papers are tolerably outspoken in their comments, and especially so on Prince Henry's speech, which, they say, either savours of blasphemy or verges on the incomprehensible.

DEPARTURE OF THE GERMAN MARINES FOR CHINA.

The liner *Darmstadt*, with marines, has sailed for China.

THE GERMAN CHINA SQUADRON.

The German China Squadron is at Spithead, where Prince Henry is bidding farewell to the Queen at Osborne.

OBITUARY.

Sir W. E. Maxwell, Governor of the Gold Coast.

[Sir W. E. Maxwell was until recently in the Straits.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE buying rate for sovereigns is $10.18 per £.

THE French mail is due here to-morrow morning.

MR. G. H. ACKERMAN has been elected R.W.M. of the Nagasaki Lodge for 1898.

THE Dairy Farm Co. notifies that it has resumed business and that orders should be sent in without delay.

*** TO-DAY we present to our readers a chart showing Port Arthur, Talien Bay and other important strategic points along the north part of the China Sea and the Gulf of Pechili.

AN advertisement in this issue draws attention to an important auction sale by Messrs. Hughes and Hough of Derby ponies at the race-course to-morrow morning. It is probable that competition will be keen, for the ponies are a thoroughly sound and well tried lot.

OUR esteemed evening contemporary—more evening than contemporary—gives publicity to a report "in town this morning that a European firm had received a telegram from the north" about the seizure of Port Arthur and Talien. The "European firm" happens to have been the *Hongkong Telegraph*, which published the news about 11 a.m. Our contemporary is kind enough to avoid mentioning this paper, in view of the crushing comment "most probably untrue in every particular." We do feel hurt. There is an ancient maxim about what a worm can do when trod on, but what are we to do when it is a fierce, scornful, savage worm that tramples mercilessly on us?

IT is always gratifying to learn that local industries are prospering for we have by no means as many of them as we could wish to see in our midst and if any of them were to fail their places would be hard to fill. One of the latest industries started here is the manufacture of cementight (advertised in another column) which is gradually growing in favour with local builders and contractors on account of its peculiar properties. It is, however, not only in Hongkong that a market is found for it. Agents are busy pushing trade in it at Shanghai and southern ports and we are reliably informed that an order for 3,000 barrels of it has been received from a contractor at Shanghai; a third of which has already been forwarded by steamers of China Navigation Co.'s vessels.

AT a regular meeting of Lodge Cosmopolitan No. 428, S.C., (Shanghai) on the 16th inst. Wor. Bro. W. B. Boyers was installed as W. M. for the ensuing year; the ceremony being performed by Rt. Wor. Bro. C. Thorne, D P G M., and the following officers were invested :—

Wor. Bro.	G. Taylor	I.P.M.
" "	A. Newbourg	D.M.
" "	J. W. Mielenhausen	S.M.
" "	J. B. Roach	S. W.
" "	G. L. Oberg	J.W.
" "	T. Macdonal	Treasurer,
" "	W. Stuart	Secretary.
" "	G. C. Blethen	Chaplain.
" "	K. Campbell	S.D.
" "	C. R. A. Hansen	J.D.
" "	H. Roope	Bible Bearer.
" "	W. H. Greeman	Dir. of Cer.
" "	P. Zurn	Organist.
" "	T. S. Modton	Banner Bearer.
" "	G. Freberg, H. Roxburgh	Stewards.
" "	R. M. Cadwallader	Marshall.
" "	F. M. Ulbricht	Inner Guard.
" "	J. Gould	Tyler.

Rt. Wor. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary, etc., as Proxy R. W. M. to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

H.M.S. *Narcissus* left to-day, presumably bound north.

FOR being drunk and disorderly on Pedder's Wharf a Swedish carpenter of the German mail liner *Sachsen* was fined $5, in default of fourteen days, at the Magistracy to-day. He took the latter alternative.

A MAKER of *cunges* was to-day fined $5 for allowing water to run to waste on his premises. This seems to be a common thing amongst the lower class of Chinese and it would be just as well to make an example of a few more such offenders.

AS the result of a dispute over the rule of the road in Cochrane Street yesterday a vegetable hawker got a nasty crack on the head with a piece of firewood. The hawker had taken a willing part in the affray and his opponent escaped with a $2 fine at the Court to-day.

THE *Guthrie* is bringing up a consignment of milch cows for Mr. L. Le Breton who is buying for the East Point Dairy Farm. There are four cows ordered and if they arrive in good condition it is probable that Mr. Le Breton will soon have other lots on the way here as he has made special arrangements for direct trade in cattle between Australia and the Far East.

THE Chinese to-day enter their winter solstice (*tung chih*) and all the usual celebrations peculiar to what is called the Chinese Christmas are in full swing. At about 1 a.m. to-day there began a most deafening firing of crackers from the junks and sampans along the water front and for many of the Europeans residing along the harbour, balmy sleep, or any other kind of sleep, was out of the question thenceforward. The Celestial is as fond of noise as the average American citizen during a presidential election, and if he would celebrate less frequently we would feel obliged. The junks are nearly all sporting new Christmas finery in the shape of big red flags, some with three tails, and others great long pennants that trail from the tuck to the deck.

THE well-known adage "Blested are the peacemakers," acquires a new reading sometimes, and a Chinese cook who appeared at the Magistracy to-day has doubtless come to the conclusion that a fair amount of bruises go with the blessing now and then. It seems that the cook tried to seperate two coolies who were fighting in a matshed on Kennedy road. They resented the interference and united forces against the antibellicose disciple of Soyer. Bamboo poles freely used and the poor cook presented a pitiable object in Court. His head and face were covered with dried blood and he was so huddled up in multitudinous coats, etc. that it was hard to tell whether he was a man or a woman. His two assailants both said that complainant struck them first but Mr. Wodehouse fined one defendant $5 and bound the other over to keep the peace for 14 days in a surety of $25.

ADMIRAL Geo. Dewey, who left San Francisco Dec. 7th for the Orient, will, says the *Box of Curios*, succeed Admiral McNair in command of the United States Naval Force on the Asiatic Station. The *Olympia* will continue as Flagship. Admiral Dewey is one of the ablest officers in the United States Navy. During the Rebellion he performed excellent service, since then he has been in command of the *Juniata Dolphin*, *Pensacola* and he also commanded the *Narragansett* engaged in surveying the coast of Lower California. He was Secretary of the Light House Board for over 4 years and a Member of the Board for sometime. Recently he has been President of the Board of Inspection and Survey charged with the examination and trial of new vessels built for or by the Government to determine if the contractors have fully executed the term of their contracts, the speed, seaworthiness etc. During this service nearly all of the new cruisers, battleships and torpedo boats have been examined and passed upon by him. Admiral Dewey is a native of Vermont and about 60 years of age, a very able, conscientious officer, affable and of fine presence.

PHILATELISTS in this Colony have now an excellent opportunity to fill up the vacant spaces in their albums through the special efforts of Messrs. Grace & Co., stamp dealers, in the Hongkong Hotel corridor, who have just opened an exhibition. A visit to the place will give one a realistic idea of what the store contains and it will also prove instructive. The premises in which these precious little things are exhibited to the general public, are very neatly fitted and though a place like that would be infinitely too small for an ordinary business it is not too small to hold some thousands of pounds worth of stamps. The stamps are pasted on clean paper with every information to guide the philatelist and these are framed. At a glance one can see the many fine specimens of old and rare stamps of which Grace & Co. have a large stock. The most costly specimen in the store is a Barbados provisional, 1878, surcharged 1 penny in black on half 5s dull rose, for which £50 is asked for. A Hongkong inverted surcharge of 5 cents on 8 cents, yellow, can be purchased for $150 and, there are also many other Hongkong rarities including the variations of letters in the Jubilee issue of 1891. A complete set of Macao crown stamps can be bought for $50 and rare stamps of Shanghai, Ceylon, Hawaii, Great Britain, St. Vincent, Labuan, Cape of Good Hope (triangulars), United States (complete set of Columbian), France, Philippines, Siam, and many other colonial and foreign stamps can also be obtained at reasonable prices. A number of collections are also on view, notably one containing 2,100 odd stamps, well selected and all good specimens, which the firm is ready to dispose of for $600. The whole stock is valued at $12,000. The exhibition opened yesterday and we would recommend philatelists to pay a visit to it as soon as possible for the following reply was heard to be given to a visitor who asked for a particular stamp "Ah! just sold this morning."

ACTING on the recommendation of Consul-General Goodnow, the United States Government have appointed Mr. E. T. Williams, Vice-Consul at Shanghai.

TWO women were charged at the Magistracy this morning with unlawfully bringing a girl into the colony from Macao for immoral purposes. Owing to the girl's disinclination to speak the truth the case was remanded till to-morrow.

THE Fire Brigade had a call for a fire in Wing Lok Street last night and on turning out it was found to be a false alarm. There seems to have been no occasion for the call and the firemen returned to quarters full of amiable feeling for the alarmist.

MESSRS. Wheelock & Co.'s *Coal and Kerosene Oil Market Report*, dated Shanghai, 17th December, says:—Coal.—Japan.—There has been a further improvement in our market, and a considerable amount of business has passed at much higher prices, as we anticipated when last writing; we expect a still further advance, notwithstanding the present low rates ruling, the native demand being very great. Cardiff.—There have been active enquiries in this, and sales have been made as high as Tls. 17.00 per ton; it is highly probable that business could not be done even at this figure, as stocks are now very small. Sydney Wollongong.—Offers have been made of Tls. 11.50, but, although this is the highest price ever offered for this coal, it is still unobtainable owing no doubt to tonnage not being procurable. No stock. Quotations:—The undernoted figures are based on the most recent settlements for cargoes to arrive and do not represent the present market rates for coals in stock, which fluctuate with the supply and demand:—Cardiff, ex godown Tls. 17.00 per ton. American Anthracite, ex godown Tls 12.00 per ton nominal. Sydney Wollongong, steamer cargo ex godown Tls. 10.50 per ton nominal. Otsuji, Karaiz, Ohnoura, Komaigo and Hokoku, ex godown, Ohnoura 3 to 5 feet, Tls. 7 00 @ 7.75 per ton. Japan, Takasima lump and small, Namazuta lump and dust, Miike lump and small, ex godown none for sale. Kerosene Oil—American.—A very large "spot" business has been put through during the fortnight, sales having been made all the way from Tls 1.50 to Tls 1.63, and to-day the market is very strong; the deliveries have been on a very large scale, reaching to a lakh and half. For cargo to arrive, we hear of a fair quantity having been sold at Tls 1.63 October, November and December sailings. Stocks are now 283,712 cases. Batoum.—Has not been so much enquired for, speculation in this brand not being strong, and small sales at Tls 1.50 per case are daily transacting. Stocks 304,000 cases. Langkat.—As there are no stocks of any quantity of case oil there is nothing doing. Stocks 2,500 cases.

MESSRS. WHEELOCK & Co.'s *Freight Market Report*, dated Shanghai, 17th December says:—There has been no further fall in rates to London, and it is reported that the Conference Agents have made arrangements to carry on the existing agreement till the close of the current Conference year. The New York *via* Suez rate remains unchanged at 27/6. Coastwise:—We hear that all steamers at Taku have been ordered to return, indicating an immediate closing of the Northern Ports for the winter. For London *via* Suez.—There is only one steamer loading, viz, the *Canton*, and she is advertised to clear to-morrow, leaving the berth unrepresented, except by mail steamers. For New York *via* Suez.—The *Fernfield* arrived on the 3rd inst., and cleared on the 12th inst., taking a good allotment from here, though she had to leave without a portion of her cargo, owing to its late arrival from Tientsin. The *Sikh* is now loading, and expects to leave about the 21st; cargo, however, is not at all plentiful, the Tea season being nearly at a end, and the Northern Ports practically closed. For New York *via* Cape.—Owing to a fresh charter in Hongkong, the *General C. Tobey*, shippers have now an opportunity of obtaining sailer space at 20/- per ton of 40 cubic feet, through rate from here. For New York *via* Pacific Lines.—The next sailings are advertised as follows:—*Peru* 20th instant. *Brasmar* 25th instant. *Empress of Japan* 25th instant. Departures.—For London *vid* Suez.—*Formosa* s.s., *vid* Foochow, 4th instant. *Ulysses* s.s., *vid* Amoy, 5th instant. For New York *vid* Suez.—*Fernfield*, *vid* Amoy, 12th instant. Rates of Freight. London by Conference Lines, General Cargo 32/6 W. Silk 35/0 Tea 32/6 Northern Cont. Ports by Conference Lines, General Cargo 32/6 W. Silk 35/0 Tea 32/6 New York *vid* London by Conference Lines, General Cargo 40/0 W. Silk 42/6 Tea 40/0 Baltimore *via* London by Conference Lines, General Cargo 45/0 W. Silk 47/6 Tea 45/0 Konigsberg *via* London by Conference Lines, General Cargo 40/0 W. 42/6 Tea 40/0 Manchester by Conference Lines, General Cargo 45/0 W. Silk 47/6 Tea 45/0 Liverpool by Conference Lines, General Cargo 40/0 W. Silk 42/6 Tea 40/0 Hamburg by Conference Lines, General Cargo 32/6 W. 35/0 Tea 32/6 Above rates are subject to a deferred return, as per Conference Circular. Havre by Conference Lines, Tallow 32/6 nett, General cargo 32/6 nett, W. silk 35/0 nett, tea 32/6 nett. Genoa by Conference Lines, Tallow 32/6 nett, General cargo 32/6 nett, W. silk 35/0 nett, tea 32/6 nett. Marseilles by Conference Lines, Tallow 32/6 nett, General cargo 32/6 nett, W. silk 35/0 nett, tea 32/6 nett. 42/6 per ton of 20 cwt. for above three ports. New York, by Sail 20/0. New York, *via* Pacific 1½ gold c's. per lb tea,—3 cts. per lb. silk,—$9.00 per ton strawbraid. New York, *via* Suez 27/6 per ton General cargo. 27/6 tea. Boston 35/0 per ton General cargo. Philadelphia 35/0 per ton General cargo. Coast Rates.—Moji to Shanghai $1.15 per ton coal. Nagaki to Shanghai $1.15 per ton coal. Newchwang to Kobe season closed. Newchwang to Southern Ports season closed. Wuhu to Canton 15 cands.

AMOY NOTES.

(*From Our Own Correspondent.*)

AMOY, December 16th.

There is no truth whatever in the report that a company has been formed to work certain coal mines in the neighbourhood of this port, as was reported some time ago by one of your contemporaries.

H.E. the Viceroy of the Fukhien province paid this his triennial visit on the 10th inst, and after having inspected the forts and reviewed the soldiers and war junks, he left next day for Chang Chewfoo, *en route* overland for Foochow.

A great number of foreign Consul had expressed their wish to call on the Viceroy but but H. E excused himself and only received the visit of the Hon. Anselm Burlingham Johnson, the U. S. Consul at this port, from the fact of Mr. Johnson having been a relative of his.

The weather here has suddenly turned very cold. There is no sickness of any consequence to report, except a few cases of typhoid amongst one or two foreigners and some natives.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

President:—Major Hanham, R.A.
Committee:—Lt. Greene, R.A.,—Lt. Buzzard, R.A.
Sub-committee:—Q. M. S. Severn, C.Q.M.S. Blease, Sergt. Wells, Sergt. Belcher, Corp. Croucher, Corp. Matthews, Br. Cooney, Br. Salter, Br. Sleep, Br. Frost, Gr. Newberry, Gr. Ennis.
Judges:—Lt. Col. Fraser, Major Hanham, Capt. Simmonds, Lieut. Buzzard, Lieut. Davies.
Starters:—Captain Langhorne, Lieut. Greene.

There was an excellent attendance at the Sports this afternoon and the weather was beautiful. The various events were keenly contested and evoked a great deal of interest. Refreshments were provided in a large marquee and there was also a pavilion for the ladies. The results were as follow:—

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL, 3 Tries, 1st prize $5, 2nd $3, 3rd $1.

Br. Hankey 1
Gr. M. McFadden 2
Sergt. Wells 3

PUTTING THE SHOT, 1st prize $8, 2nd $5, 3rd $2.

Corp. Woods 2 ft. 1
Corp. Croucher 2
Gr. Ryal 3

100 YARDS FLAT RACE, 1st prize $8, 2nd $4, 3rd $2.

Br. Whateley 1
Gr. M. McFadyen 2
Br. Turner 3

N. C. O's. RACE 120 YARDS, Full ranks only, 1st prize $10, 2nd $5, 3rd 3.

Corp. Croucher 1
Sergt. Wells 2
Br. Fane 3

MILE RACE, 1st prize $15, 2nd $10, 3rd $5.

Gr. M. McFadyen 1
Br. Turner 2
Gr. Warner 3

BOYS' RACE 120 YARDS, 3 yards start for every year under 14, 1st prize $3, 2nd $2, 3rd $1.

Geo. Blease 1
J. Blease 2
S. Blades 3

VETERANS' HANDICAP 100 YARDS, 10 years, 1 yard start for every year over 10, Boys' service not to count, 1st prize $10, 2nd $5, 3rd $3.

Gr. Clarke 1
Q. M. S. Blease 2
Gr. Young 3

WHEEL RACE 120 YARDS, round a post, 1st prize $8, 2nd $5, 3rd 2.

Tr. Adams 1
Corp Croucher 2
Gr. McDonald 3

TUG-OF-WAR, Final H. K. R. A, by Companies, Heats to be pulled previously, 1st prize $20, 2nd $10.

3 Co. H.K. R.A. (Capt. Gordon) 1
2 Co. " (Capt. Burney) 2

No 3 won both pulls after a hard struggle.

QUARTER MILE RACE, open to Garrison an Fleet, 1st prize $20, 2nd $10, 3rd $5.

Pt. Moore W. Y. 1
Pt. Ross W.Y. 2
Pt. Agar W.Y. 3

LEAP FROG RACE, 120 yards round post, 1st prize 1st prize $5, 2nd $, 3rd 2.

Adams and Turner 1
Keegan and Agar 2
Whateley and Fane 3

HALF MILE RACE FOR COLONIAL TROOPS AND POLICE, 1st. prize $10, 2nd $4.

Kadar Had 1
Gunder Singh 2

HALF MILE RACE, open to the World, two prizes.

Thaka Singh 1
Kegan, W.Y. 2

THREE-LEGGED RACE, 1st prize $8, 2nd $4, 3rd 2.

Turner and Adams 1
Ryal and Stewart 2
Dunn and Attrell 3

Owing to the lateness of hour at which the sports concluded the results of the rest of events will be given to-morrow.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

A daring piratical attack was made on the 14th inst. on a passenger boat, when halfway between Canton and Sun Tak. It seems that a lot of ruffians took passage on the boat from Canton, and when halfway, the boat was boarded by a number of thieves who acted in co-operation with those on board. They terrified the people with weapons and looted the vessel, making good their escape with considerable plunder. One passenger who had some hundreds of dollars was lucky enough to escape the pirates' unwelcome attentions.

The robbers who pillaged the Chao's family house at Canton some time ago were lately reported to be in hiding at the village of Kon San. A military officer and some soldiers went out from Canton to arrest them and on reaching the village the robbers showed fight. One of the gang only was captured and one of the soldiers was so badly wounded that he died soon after.

A few days ago the Viceroy at Canton received a visit from Tang Ho-hung, son of Captain Tang Sai-cheong, who lost his life on the *Chiyuen* at the battle of Yalu in the late war. Tang stated that at the term of mourning for his father had expired, he had come to seek military service.

The Shanghai *Shenpoo* publishes a telegram from Peking on 13th inst. stating that Wong Chih-Chuen was appointed Provincial Treasurer of Szechuen dated 11th inst. He at one time was sent to Russia to arrange terms of a treaty for his Government, and he is very well known to Europeans resident in China.

Chang Chih-tung sent a secret message of over 500 words to Peking a few days ago, and nothing can be learned as to the contents. On calling at the Viceroy's Yamên an enquirer was informed by a subordinate that his Excellency was very angry at the German occupation of Kiaochao and at the degradation of Li Ping Heng and being ordered to pay a large indemnity. He says that all the high officials will resist the Germans' demands. Li Ping Heng is a capable and just man and in the present affair there is no comparison with the Szechuen riots. The officers say that unless they lost after fighting with the Germans they will consent to nothing.

A large number of robbers have been hiding in a place called Li Ka-chong, Chui-Chowfu, Kiangsu and the people of the place have received much trouble from them. A Sanzu named Ko petitioned the Magistrate and the military police on the matter and on the 19th Nov. the military officer accompany, by 50 soldiers went with Ko to arrest the gang. On reaching the place the ruffians rushed out to and opposed the soldiers with weapons. The fight lasted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., when the ruffians dispersed, leaving two dead, three wounded and 7 taken as prisoners.

General Nelh, Commander-in-Chief of the Chihli Land forces, has volunteered to proceed to Kiaochou Bay to assist General Chang in case of emergency.

LICENSING COURT.

AN APPLICATION REFUSED.

A Special Session of Justices of the Peace was held at the Magistracy to-day at noon, to consider the application of Jules Marcesse for a publican's license for the Travellers' Hotel, Nos. 12 and 13 Queen's Road. Hon. H. E. Wodehouse presided and the only other justice of the peace present was Mr. W. M. Arthur. Mr. E. J. Grist appeared for the applicant.

The President said that the police report stated that applicant had never held a license before, and that in 1895, he was convicted and fined $100 for selling liquour without a license. Bef re that he had long been suspected of illicitly distilling liquor.

Mr. Grist said that the applicant had already been punished for his offence and during the last two years there was absolutely nothing against him. He had been here all the time. The police opposed the application simply because there was one conviction against him and that was all. There had been some suspicion but it had not been maintained and the man was there to answer any questions. To object to him having his license was to deprive him of his means of livelihood in the colony.

Mr. Arthur:—How has he lived in the past two years?

Mr. Grist replied that he had lived on his means and he asked that the license be granted.

Mr. Arthur, in answer to the President said he had a distinct recollection of the applicant being fined $100 for selling intoxicating liquor illegally, Mr. Wilkinson appearing for him. It was not only the fact that he was fined but a very large quantity of chemicals and compounds were seized at the time and it tended to show that there was a very extensive manufacture of unwholesome liquor going on at the place. It was at Pok-fu-lum, where he still resided. The estimated value of the chemicals, retorts, &c., seized was $400. Notice of appeal was lodged but as appellant did not enter the cognisance the appeal did not come to Court. There was ample evidence that the man was engaged in the manufacture of those crude liquors of which so much notice had been taken of late. He was against granting the license.

The President said he was entirely in accord with Mr. Arthur and considering the man's record, he said it would be improper and imprudent to grant him a license.

The application was refused.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(*Before His Lordship Sir J. W. Carrington, Kt. C.M.G., Chief Justice.*)

December 21st.

THE BURD STREET MURDER.

The Burd Street murder case was resumed to-day.

U Ming, Wong Cheung, Wong Shek Kee and Wun Sheung, were charged with the murder of one Kung Fu at Victoria on the 15th November.

The Attorney-General (Hon. W. M. Goodman) instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. L. Dennys prosecuted and Mr. E. Robinson appeared for the first, second and fourth prisoners and Mr. H. E. Pollock for the third.

The following jury was empannelled:—L. Snitzler, J. McKie, J. Lysaught, A. H. M. da Silva, A. S. Gubbay, F. A. de Carvalho, and W. H. Day.

Mr. F. H. May, Captain Superintendent of Police, gave evidence of the finding of the first, second, and fourth prisoners in a brothel in Kwai Wa Lane. He testified to the accountant's identification of the watch found in the possession of the first prisoner.

Mr. Heerman, of Messrs. Gaup & Co., testified to the watch having been purchased from his establishment and that a ticket was given with the watch has a guarantee.

Ng Cheung, accountant in the Kwong Hop Yuen shop, gave evidence as to the robbers entering his shop in Burd Street, previous to which the fourth prisoner went in and bought some oil. He testified as to identifying the watch at the brothel as belonging to the master of the shop.

Owing to to-day being a mail day the Court adjourned at 1 p.m. till to-morrow morning after the examination-in-chief of the accountant was concluded.

GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

The following report has been received from the Manager at the mines:—

Mount MacDonald
22nd November, 1897.

The Great Eastern Main Shaft has been sunk a further 17 feet, making the total depth from the surface 74 feet, almost all of which, within a few feet, has been timbered also. Although tight, the ground is easier to shoot now and I expect to see the first 100 completed by the end of this year.

The Caledonian Main Shaft is now down 54 feet from the surface; the ground here is not quite so hard as before, floors are occasionally met with now, which enable the men to get down quicker, but taking it altogether this shaft is very hard to sink. We expect, however, much better country after the first 100 feet have been accomplished. The shaft is beginning to be wet, although not to any great extent; it can be easily bailed out.

The Zulu Main Shaft is also getting a little wet, but it can easily be bailed out too. Since my last report, about 14 feet have been sunk, making the total depth from windlass 72 feet. We have broken through the reef, which is dipping south, but we shall not do any driving on it before the 200 feet have been fully sunk. Moreover we shall probably cut another shoot of stone within the next few feet.

I sent two samples for assay to Sydney and the result is as per enclosed certificate as follows:—

Sample of 7lbs. from best part of reef } 4 ozs. 9 dwt. Gold per ton. 10 dwt. 15 grs. Silver per ton

Sample of 7lbs. from poorest part of reef } 1 oz. 1 dwt. 19grs. Gold per ton 5 dwt. 11 grs. Silver per ton

I also sent a sample of about 11lbs. weight for assay to Sydney, coming from Gold Lease 30x (newly acquired lease), the same line of reef as the Zulu. This assay yielded as per enclosed certificate:—

5 ozs. 15 dwt. 23 grs. Gold per ton
11 dwt. 10 grs. Silver per ton

None of the stone sent to Sydney of all three samples showed any free gold. Particular care was taken to this effect and these results show you the value of the mineral in the stone, and the importance to erect suitable machinery when the time for crushing arrives.

Prospecting Shaft has been timbered since my last letter and sinking has been resumed yesterday.

As the ground is now safe to work in, we expect to get on with this shaft very quickly. We shall start a second shift here probably on Monday next and as we are on the channel of a reef, we may be able to come upon it soon.

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES LTD.

The General Managers, Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son, have received the following report from their mining manager by S. S. *Yamashiro Maru*:—

Mount Macdonald,
26th November 1897.

I have the honour to report work done since last report as follows:—

Eureka Mine—Main shaft sunk 8 feet, total below 200 feet level 92 feet strata passed through moderately hard, and difficult to break, timbered 10 feet total below level 82 feet.

Mining Tenement 18—Not meeting with anything payable in the drive mentioned in last report, have suspended operations here. Sufficient work having been done to secure a lease of the ground, which will be amalgamated with the other portions of the property and worked from the main shaft.

G. L. 105—Underly shaft total depth 64 feet, Lode Channel 3½ feet wide, Lode at present considerably mixed up with mullock, but doubtless it will soon improve, these intrusions being of common occurence in the best reefs in all districts.

Olivers Battery—The New Battery was started on the 11th instant and went remarkably well, for a new plant of course there were a few slight alterations to make, bolts to lighten, this is always the case especially with an heavy head Battery, but on the 16th everything was working splendidly and we looke l forward to a continuous and successful run, when suddenly the spur wheel on the cam shaft, broke, and brought everything to a standstill, the cause of this breakage was a large flaw inside the casting which it was impossible to discover until after the wheel broke another and much heavier and stronger wheel is now on the way and will arrive to-morrow and crushing will be at once resumed.

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

The General Managers, Messrs. John D. Humphreys and Son, have received the following report from their mining manager by the steamer *Yamashiro Maru*:—

Mount Macdonald.
26th November 1897.

I have the honour to report on the above mine as follows:—

Queen Mine—Main shaft total depth 333 feet ground harder than any met with for some distance but it is underlying so that we may expect a change shortly.

Prospecting Shaft—Drive south extended 14 feet total 27 feet no change of importance to report.

Battery—Contractors for taking down removing, and re-erecting Battery are making good progress.

Balmoral Mine—Nothing new to report. Work being confined to driving "True Blue" Tunnel (2 men only) and one party of Tributors are getting some nice gold, but the stone is small and the ground very hard.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our Sydney exchanges were "crowded out" of last night's issue:—

BRISBANE, November 24th.

In the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday Mr. Glassey gave notice that he would next day move, in view of the disclosures made by the Queensland National Bank report, that no Government of which Sir Thomas M'Ilwraith, Sir Hugh Nelson, or Mr. A. H. Barlow were members can have the confidence of the House. Immediately the notice was given the House adjourned.

November 25th.

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday Mr. Glassey moved his motion of want of confidence in the Government, in accordance with his notice of the previous day. He stated that in his action he was not actuated by motives of revenge, but solely desired the good of the colony. He considered that Sir Hugh Nelson and Mr. A. H Barlow must have known the true state of the affairs of the Queensland National Bank in 1893, and he asked why they not take the House into their confidence. If they did know, they had no right to deceive Parliament as they had done. He regarded Sir Thomas M'Ilwraith as a man who had robbed the country shamefully; and stated that he did not think the present Chief Justice would show up too well in the matter of the Government loan obtained in 1892. Mr. Glassey spoke for two hours, but the House became wearied with his frequent repetitions.

Sir Horace Tozer followed, and said that Sir Hugh Nelson would reply when all the speeches were made. He intimated that as soon as the report was laid on the table the Government had taken steps to have Sir Thomas M'Ilwraith resign from his honorary membership of the Executive Council. Regarding the statements made by Sir Hugh Nelson and Mr. Barlow in 1893, at the time of the financial crisis, it was only a question of values, and they had estimated the bank's security too high. Seeing all that was known now, he said, blame could not be attached to them.

Mr M'Donald and Mr. Hardacre both spoke, and the former challenged the Premier to resign his seat and contest an election with himself.

Mr. Armstrong moved the adjournment of the debate.

It is generally believed that the Government followers will support the Ministry.

A successful trial of Britten' "Unicorn Freezer" was made at Gedden, Birt and Co.'s works, South Brisbane, yesterday.

The new process consists of freezing from the inside of the carcass outside, instead of the present style, from the outside inward. It is expected to revolutionise Australian trade.

The Glen Innes team in their second innings scored 159 runs, and the Englishmen won by an innings and 107 runs.

Stoddart's team of cricketers on arrival at Brisbane last night was met by a crowd of about 20000 persons many of whom behaved in a most disorderly manner. The crowd rushed the carriage containing the visitors, and it was with extreme difficulty that they were able to get away from the station.

During the proceedings Mr. Stoddart, the captain of the team, had a gold watch and chain—a presentation one—stolen from him.

SYDNEY, November 25th.

Great distress prevails at Newcastle, N.S.W., owing to the small amount of work being done, and the consequent lack of employment at some of the collieries. The Government have been asked to provide relief works.

PERTH, November 26th.

The Legislative Assembly of Western Australia has affirmed the principle of paying members of the Legislature.

The Government voted with the minority.

BRISBANE, November 26th.

In the Legislative Assembly on Thursday the proposed vote of censure on the Government moved by Mr. Glassey was defeated by 42 votes to 23.

An amendment by Mr. Armstrong stating that the House retained its confidence in Sir Hugh Nelson and Mr. A. H. Barlow, but that, pending further inquiry, Sir Thomas M'Ilwraith should not remain a member of the Executive Council, was agreed to by 39 to 25.

LONDON, November 26th.

The Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain in a speech delivered at Birmingham, said that a measure would be introduced next session of the Imperial Parliament, which would give as complete and popular a system of local government to Ireland as now obtained in England and Scotland.

Arthur Sturrock, recently a banker at Kilmarnock, who was extradited from Melbourne, pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzling £15,000, and was sentenced to ten year's penal servitude.

November 27th.

A scene of extraordinary disorder has occurred in the Austrian Reichsrath, the members fighting with each other in a most determined manner until they were stopped by the police.

It has transpired that Japan has instructed her ambassadors in Europe to ascertain the views of the Great Powers with regard to the German occupation of Kiao-chou Bay on the coast of China.

Germany has demanded a heavy indemnity from China for the murder of a German missionary, besides her occupation on the coast of Kiao-chou.

The engineering conference in England has provisionally settled several questions in dispute between the engineers and the employers.

MELBOURNE, November 27th.

A prospecting party, who had been working in the higher parts of the country, were overtaken by a snowstorm, and two of the men lost their lives.

AUCKLAND, November 29th.

A fire occurred yesterday on the Queen-street wharf, Auckland, damage being done to the amount of £50,000.

LONDON, November 29th.

A report made by the natives has been received to the effect that a British force has been defeated by the French at Nikki, in the Niger country, Africa.

The report is discredited in official quarters.

Turkey, in defiance of the recent warning from Russia regarding the autonomy of Crete, has given an order for 150 guns to the German maker Krupp.

Seven hundred persons are reported to have left Dawson City, on the Klondyke goldfield in order to avoid starvation during the present winter.

Provisions are so scarce there now that offers of fifty dollars for sacks of flour have been refused.

A large quantity of gunpowder, which it is believed was being sent to the insurgent tribesmen on the Indian frontier and which had been bought from Russia, has been claimed by the Customs authorities in London.

George Goodwin Smith, an Australian in Cape Colony, stuck up the branch of the Standard Bank of South Africa at Claremont, a suburb of Capetown. He shot the cashier through the heart and wounded the manager, and then, on the police entering the premises, committed suicide.

November 30th.

The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of England have now issued 93,000 strike notices.

BRISBANE, November 30th.

In the Assembly yesterday the second reading of the Federation Enabling Bill was moved by Sir Hugh Nelson, and Mr. G. S. Curtis moved an amendment that the bill be withdrawn The amendment was carried by 21 votes to 19.

[The Northern and Central Separation advocates in the Assembly had previously stated that they would oppose the Government's latest federation proposals unless the Enabling Bill provided for the subdividing of the colony, and the above message indicates that they have carried their point.—Ed. *Pilot.*]

SYDNEY, November 30th.

On Friday last the Japanese Consul, in the course of an interview stated that the Japanese did not desire to enter into competition with Australian labourers.

It has been officially stated that the New South Wales Government are about to establish a cordite factory.

On Saturday last, George Lonsdale and John Norton were committed for trial on a charge of publishing in Sydney *Truth* defamatory statements concerning Mr. Carruthers, Minister for Lands.

On Monday, the Chinese of Sydney presented a memorial to the New South Wales Legislative Council pointing out that they were being worse treated than any other aliens.

MELBOURNE, November 30th.

Another fire broke out yesterday, but it was quickly subdued before much damage was done. The consequences, however, might have been serious as a large box of gunpowder was stored on the premises where the fire broke out.

BRISBANE, November 30th.

The international cricket match between the English team against a combined thirteen of Queensland and New South Wales was commenced on Friday last.

The Englishmen batted first, remained at the wickets all day on Friday and Saturday, scoring 636 runs in their innings.

The Queenslanders were at the wickets yesterday, and at the close of the day's play had lost eight wickets for 316 runs.

The match was drawn—scores—Gregory 77, Jones 59, Pye 55, and C. Richardson 42 not out.

LONDON, November 30th.

A terrific gale has prevailed along the eastern and south-eastern cost of England, causing an enormous amount of damage, and general loss of life.

December 1st.

Reports received in New York from Klondyke state that the famine there is causing an epidemic of crime, and thefts and murders are becoming events of frequent occurrence.

A collision on a railway at Warsaw, Poland, resulted in eleven passengers being killed.

BRISBANE, December 2nd.

In the Legislative Assembly, in reply to a question by Mr. M'Donald, yesterday, the Premier said that all necessary action with regard to the Queensland National Bank disclosures was being taken by the Department of Justice.

The Treasury returns for the month of November show the revenue of Queensland to have been £281,613, and the expenditure £177,190, against £271,548 and £177,802 respectively for the same month in 1896.

For the five months of the financial year the revenue has totalled £1,630,744 and the expenditure £954,776.

The Charters Towers gold yield for the past eleven months amounts to 314,300 ounces, being an increase of about 80,000 ounces over the yield of last year.

Calls for the eleven months amount to £88,200, and the dividends for the same period to £168,000.

At Toowoomba, the English cricketers commenced a match against a local eighteen on Tuesday.

The Englishmen batted first, and scored 179 runs, and at the close of the day's play the Toowoomba team had lost two wickets for 43.

The match was concluded yesterday. At the 4 o'clock adjournment Toowoomba declared their innings closed with thirteen wickets down for 248.

The Englishmen in their second innings had lost four wickets for 115 runs, when stumps were drawn, and the match declared drawn.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

DECEMBER.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer 30.177
Thermometer 62.5
Humidity 85.0
Rainfall 1.21

TO-DAY.

Tuesday, 21st December, 1897.
(St. Thomas.)

Chinese—*28th of 11th moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*
Jewish—*26th Kislev, 5658.*
Mohammedan—*26th Rajab, 1315.*
Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 37min.*
Sets *5hr. 19min.*
High water—*Morning* *7hr. 28min.*
Afternoon *6hr. 51min.*
Low water—*Morning* *1hr. 24min.*
and 11hr. 50min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1736—Steam Navigation first attempted.
1854—Several hundred armed Taipings arrested in Hongkong.
1872—The Princes Philip and Augustus of Saxe Coburg visited Hongkong.

TO-MORROW.

Wednesday, 22nd December, 1897.
Chinese—*29th of 11th moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.*
(Festival of the Angel of Sunlight.)
Jewish—*27th Kislev, 5658.*
Mohammedan—*27th Rajab, 1315.*
Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 38min.*
Sets *5hr. 19min.*
High water—*Morning* *8hr. 48min.*
Afternoon *7hr. 19min.*
Low water—*Morning* *2hr. 15min.*
Afternoon *0hr. 38min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1805—Lord Beaconsfield born.
1836—Two Mandarins arrived at Macao with secret orders to watch Plenipotentiary Elliot.
1864—Capture of Savannah by General Sherman.
1879—British victory near Kabul.
1890—Return of Governor Sir William des Voeux to Hongkong.

MEMORANDA.

TO-MORROW,—22nd December.
French mail due.
10.45 a.m.—French and Canadian mails close.
Noon—*Runest Simons* sails for Europe and the *Empress of Japan* for Vancouver.

THURSDAY,—23rd December.
9 p.m.—Farewell concert at City Hall by the West Yorkshire Regiment band assisted by the H.K. Philharmonic Society.

FRIDAY,—24th December.
Indian mail expected.

SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

China Sugars 161, sales and buyers; Raubs 21, buyers; Oilvers "B" 7¾, sales; Great Easterns (3d paid up) $3, sales; Docks 210 per cent. prem., sales; Wharfs 58 sales and buyers; Investments 74, sales; Green Islands (new issue) 18½ sales and buyers.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

French (*Laos*) to-morrow.
Indian (*Arratoon Apcar*) 24th inst.
English (*Thames*) 25th inst.
Australian (*Changsha*) 26th inst.
American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 27th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 28th inst.
American (*Gaelic*) 5th prox.
American (*City of Peking*) 15th prox.

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THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* from Vancouver, arrived at Yokohama yesterday, and left on this morning for Kobe, where she is due at 9 a.m. to-morrow, the 22nd inst.

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THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Columbia* has arrived at Yokohama, and sails thence for Kobe and Hongkong on the 23rd inst.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Krim	steamer,	from	Hongay
Sanuki Maru	"	"	Japan
Volute	"	"	Kobe
Chowfa	"	"	Bangkok
Yihsang	"	"	Chefoo
Hermann	"	"	Saigon
Poseidon	"	"	Singapore
Triumph	"	"	Pakhoi
Canton	"	"	Yokohama
Choysang	"	"	Shanghai
King Sing	"	"	Canton
Yamaguchi Maru	"	"	Singapore
Tokio Maru	"	"	Yokohama
Hinsang	"	"	Java

Aggregating 25,254 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Memnon	steamer,	for	Kudat
Sullberg	"	"	Haiphong
Chowtai	"	"	Bangkok
Kiangnan	"	"	Chinkiang
Wingsang	"	"	Shanghai
Niobe	"	"	Shanghai
Hollan	"	"	Coast Ports
Pyrrhus	"	"	London
Yamashiro Maru	"	"	Yokohama
C. H. Kion	"	"	Amoy
Saint Mark	barque,	"	New York

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Moewe (H.I.G.M.S.)	at	Kowloon	Dock
Linnet (H.M.S.)	"	"	"
Vega	"	"	"
Siam	"	"	"
Fryr	"	"	"
Kulusberg	"	"	"
West York	"	Cosmopolitan	"
Gerard Tobey	"	"	"

SWATOW.

	Arrivals.	*from*	*Agents.*
Dec. 19	*Newchwang*	Chefoo	B. & S.
19	*Chefoo*	Wuhu	B. & S.
19	*Tailai*	Hongkong	L. & H.
19	*Canton*	Hongkong	J. M. & Co.
20	*Formosa*	Hongkong	J. M. & Co.
20	*Wuhu*	Hongkong	B. & S.
	Departures.	*for*	*Agents.*
Dec. 19	*Tailai*	Deli	L. & H.
20	*Yihsang*	Hongkong	J. M. & Co.
20	*Formosa*	Amoy	J. M. & Co.
20	*Canton*	Shanghai	J. M. & Co.
20	*Chefoo*	Shanghai	B. & S.
20	*Newchwang*	Shanghai	B. & S.
20	*Wuhu*	Singapore	B. & S.

IN PORT—*Nil.*

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—30th November—*Diomed, Oanfa, Ceres, Senta, Glenesk.* 3rd Dec.—*Benlarig Pingsuey, Sachsen, Yarra, Ghazi, Dordogne.* 7th December—*Argyll, Irene, Glenartney, Amphitrite, Delhi Rickmers, Orwell, St. Ronald.* 10th December—*Gerda, Nestor, Tantalus, Ataka, Courie.* 14th December—*Oceana.* 17th December—*Glengarry, Oceanian, Oolong.*

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YAMAGUCHI MARU S. KIWAMURA	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 23rd December, at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU M. J. CURNOW	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO, SHIMONOSEKI and KOBE	FRIDAY, 24th December, at 4 P.M.
TOKIO MARU..... E. W. HASWELL	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 24th December, at 4 P.M.
IZUMI MARU R. NUNOME.....	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), and COLOMBO	THURSDAY, 30th December, at Noon
*RIOJUN MARU..... A. E. MOSES	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., VIA KOBE YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU	THURSDAY, 30th December, at 4 P.M.

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2. The Committee consists of:—
2 Members appointed by the Governor.
2 Members appointed by the Municipal Commissioners.
2 Members appointed by the Subscribers and a Chairman elected by the above.

3 The building must contain the following accommodation:—
(1.) A Town Hall suitable for Public Meetings, Balls, Concerts, &c., about 100 feet by 50 feet, upstairs, with dining or supper room below.
(2.) Theatre to seat about 500.

4. The Designs must be sent in so as to reach Singapore by 30th April, 1898, and can be forwarded direct to the undersigned or under cover to Major CAMERON, R.E., Colonial Office, Downing Street, London, S.W.

5. The Town Hall must form part of the same building as the Theatre, but the two should not communicate with each other except by the Verandahs.

6. The building to be provided with sufficient dressing, cloak, card and smoking rooms, bars, promenades, &c., and to be surrounded with a Verandah not less than 15 feet in width. The design to provide for the Verandah rails being of iron.

7. Kitchen and accommodation for four servants to be arranged on the roof.

It is proposed to erect the building of grey granite or granite and brick combined.

8. Iron to be used wherever possible in place of wood.

9. No basement required but the lower floor to be raised at least 5 feet above the ground as the site is low.

10. The rainfall in Singapore is very heavy, six inches and more sometimes falling in one day. The roof and guttering should therefore be designed to allow of the rapid escape of a large quantity of water.

11. Tiles are the roofing material of the Straits.

12. The cost of building in Singapore may be taken to be from seven to nine cents of a Straits dollar per cubic foot of whole building.

13. The cost of the building should not exceed $300,000. The climate of Singapore is a perpetual summer, the average temperature being 80 Fahrenheit. It is therefore essential that the various rooms should be as open as possible to the outer air and that free ventilation from floor to ceiling should be ensured to every part of the building.

14.—The site is perfectly flat and of ample size to accommodate a building of any design. A plan of the site can be obtained from the Undersigned or from Major CAMERON.

W. EGERTON,
Hon. Secretary to the Permanent Memorial Committee.

Singapore,
Straits Settlements,
8th November, 1897. [1755

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and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1896. [457

Auction.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

THE Undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION TO-MORROW, (WEDNESDAY), the 22nd December, 1897, Commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his Auction Rooms, Zetland Street, No. 2, A COLLECTION OF FINE JAPANESE CURIOS AND SILKS Comprising:—
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Also
A few fine AMERICAN STANDARD LAMPS with Rochester Burners and Silk Shades.
On View from TUESDAY, the 21st December, 1897.
TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1876

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STEAMERS.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
"POSEIDON,"
Capt. R. Meyer, will leave for the above place TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1854

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship
"SUISANG,"
Captain T. R. Galsworthy, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1878

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES.

THE Company's Steamship
"PECTAN,"
Captain N Hocken, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 25th instant.
For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1804

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"SIKH,"
to sail about the 25th December, 1897.
S.S. "PORT ADELAIDE" about 15th Jan., 1898.
S.S. "ARGYLL," about 5th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "GHAZEE," about 20th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "LENNOX," about 10th March, 1898.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1897. [1837

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship
"TAIYUAN,"
Captain Nelson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.
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N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S. S. Co. and *vice versa*.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1860

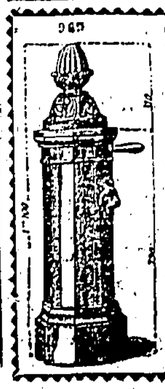
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
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Captain Rorison, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 31st instant.
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1861

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"YARROWDALE,"
Captain G. Geddes, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th January, 1898.
To be followed by the
S.S. "HANSEAT" on or about 31st Jan., 1898.
S.S. "LYDERHORN" on or about 15th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "ORWELL" on or about 28th Feb., 1898.
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1882



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Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1884

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

FAREWELL CONCERT
BY
WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT (P.W.O.) BAND.
(Assisted by the HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY ORCHESTRA)
on
THURSDAY, the 23rd December, 1897, at 9.15 P.M.

PART I.

1. Fest Marsch.....*"Tannhäuser"* Wagner. Band and Orchestra.
2. Overture.....*"Mariana"* Wallace.
3. Reed Quintette (*a.*) "Träumerei"...Schumann. (*b.*) Menuet from XII Symphony.....Haydn. *Flute*—Corporal Harper. *Clarionets*.—Corporals Seaborne, Scragg and Aslin. *Bassoon*.—Musician Wheeler.
4. Oboe Solo..."Serenade Villageoise"...Riviere. Musician Quaid.
5. Selection"Faust".....Gurmod.

INTERVAL.

PART II.

1. Largo.....Handel. Band, Orchestra and Organ.
Violin Obbligato.—M. A Giraud. *Organist*.—Mr. G. A. Grimble.
2. Reminiscences from Bellini.....F. Godfrey.
3. Brass Quartette (*a*) Farewell to the Forest. (*b*) The Huntsman's Farewell. }Mendelssohn.
Cornets—Musician, Haley and Seaborne. *Baritone*.—Musician Good. *Euphonium*.—Musician Brown.
4. Clarionet Solo...Romance in F....Beethoven. (Transcription by W. G. Bentley) Mr. W. G. Bentley, A.R.C.M.
5. Grand National Fantasia.....W. G. Bentley. "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

SEATS ($2 & $1) may be booked at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & CO'S on and after THURSDAY, the 16th inst.
Proceeds to be devoted to local Charities.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1897. [1853

Shipping.

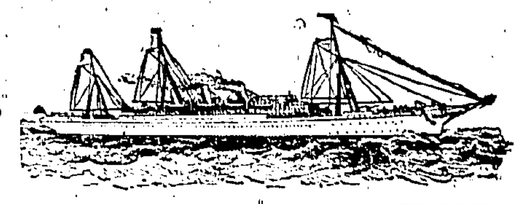
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Hongkong, 25th September, 1897. [1625

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1897. [3

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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE; VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Tuesday, 28th Dec., at 4 P.M.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Saturday, 15th Jan., at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Thursday, 3rd Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"COPTIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 28th Dec., 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

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All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1897. [2

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REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [39

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Inland Sea and Yokohama	Thursday, 6th Jan., at Noon.
City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 25th Jan., at Noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).....	Saturday, 12th Feb., at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 24th August, 1897. [1

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1897. [81

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Braemar	3,601	E. Porter.....	Dec. 21.
Columbia	2,605	A. Gow.....	Jan. 11.
Tacoma	2,549	A. Dixon.....	Feb. 1.
Victoria	3,167	J. Panton, R.N.R...	Feb. 22.

ALSO
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Mogul...	3,654	W. H. Wright.....	Jan. 4.
Pelican..	2,338	A. Gove	Feb. 8.
Braemar	2,601	E. Porter	Mar. 8.
Mogul...	3,654	W. H. Wright.....	Mar. 29.

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Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).
Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.
For further information apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 4th November, 1897. [4

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship
"CHUSAN,"
Captain E. Street, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 30th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.
All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [5

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
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N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich, ...	Tuesday...	4th Jan.
Preussen	Tuesday...	1st Feb.
Sachsen.....	Tuesday...	1st March.

ON TUESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1898, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Capt. O. Cuppers, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 1st Jan. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M., on MONDAY the 3rd Jan., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 3rd Jan. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
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Linen can be washed on board.
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MELCHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1897. [1811

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